

HEATH SPRING, S. C., A Prosperous Town and Its Prosperous People

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Heath Spring, located on the South ern Railway eleven miles below Lan- caster and seven miles above Ker- shaw, is one of the best located and one of the most healthful towns in Piedmont South Carolina. A resident of Charlotte, N. C., who spent a week here two years ago, said "The Lord laid out this beautiful level spot, in the midst of the hills, for a town." Upon such a site has been built a town which for its healthfulness, progressive spirit and successful en- deavor is unsurpassed by any village of its size in South Carolina. While the town is built upon a level stretch of land divided by the Columbia-Charlotte highway, which runs through the centre of the town, it is surrounded by gently sloping hills which insure sufficient drainage to reduce the presence of standing wa- ter to a minimum. Thus we are com- paratively free from malaria, and it is a rare thing that the presence of a mosquito is noted. Under the watchful administration of our ef- ficient board of health, H. P. Mob- ley, Dr. W. S. Moore, J. E. Sims, C. E. Williams and H. A. Horton, as- sisted by Policeman S. J. Vincent, the town is kept in a remarkable state of cleanliness, and by the untiring ef- forts of the latter, crime has been greatly reduced and it is seldom that an arrest has to be made.

Heath Spring is a town of "mag- nificent distances," the building lots being so large that almost every dwelling is surrounded by spacious yards. Excellent water is furnished by a system of wells, and a noted mineral spring, furnishing an abun- dant supply of water highly impreg- nated with iron and sulphur is lo- cated in the centre of a beautiful park, the favorite resort of picnic parties from neighboring towns and all the country round.

The population is made up largely of sturdy country folk who have moved here to engage in business or to secure educational advantages for their children. This accounts, in a

large measure, for the high moral quality of the people and for the quiet, orderly conduct almost uni- versally maintained. Many of these who have come here to engage in the mercantile or other business have not forgotten their "first love" and are still interested in the tilling of the soil, the only difference being that they have profited by the scien- tific methods now being applied so practically, with the result that their and other's lands have been greatly improved, farming made pleasant and profitable, and real estate greatly enhanced in value. One of the large- est pecan orchards in the State is lo- cated here, and a place of great in- terest to all who come here is the Twitty-Haile Stock Farm, just West of town. There is a steady demand for the Duroc Jersey hogs raised with scrupulous care on this farm, those exhibited at the State Fair from year to year always carrying off high prizes.

A volume of business mounting into the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually is done by the well equipped business houses here. The Springs Banking & Mercantile Co., the Enterprise Mercantile Co., J. A. Bridges & Co., G. L. Mobley and H. W. Mobley do a general merchan- dising business; the Hirschs' handle clothing, shoes, notions, etc.; the Peoples Drug and Grocery Co., deals in drugs and heavy and fancy gro- ceries; Williams & Williams, and A. Cauthen maintain good meat mark- ets and handle groceries. We have two excellent local physicians, Drs. W. S. Moore and J. A. Rutledge, and two first-class drug stores, that be- long to the Peoples Drug and Gro- cery Co., and the Stover Pharmacy, both having up-to-date equipment and registered druggists, the latter being B. D. Stalnaker and C. L. Stover.

S. C. McMackin has a well equip- ped barber shop; blacksmith and wheelwright shops are run by Fraser McMackin and R. S. Watson; Ben- nett Bros operate a ginny, grist mill and saw mill, J. A. Bridges op- erates a ginny and Bridges & Watson a grist mill; A Cauthen re- pairs automobiles.

A. Cauthen, O. C. Croxton and T.

H. Bennett have auto liveries; J. A. Bridges & Co., also are in the livery business.

The Springs Banking & Mercantile Co., the Enterprise Mercantile Co., J. A. Bridges & Co., and W. T. Mobley and D. D. Williams, representing a Charlotte firm, are in the cotton mar- ket and pay highest market prices for same, while the three former com- panies, G. L. Mobley, T. H. Bennett and Hammond & Hammond pay high- est market prices for seed.

The Springs Banking & Mercantile Co., maintain a millinery department under the direction of Miss Sarah King. The Bank of Heath Spring, operated under the auspices of this Company, is capitalized at \$10,000.00, reports a surplus of \$4,500.00, undivided profits amounting to \$6,000.00 and \$50,000.00 in deposits. This Bank pays interest on time de- posits. H. A. Horton is the cashier. Belton C. Horton runs a first- class hotel, conveniently located to the traveling public; W. B. Twitty has an insurance office and writes both fire and life insurance. He also is in demand as a land surveyor. D. W. Hendrix represents a good tomb stone company.

Among the colored men in busi- ness here may be mentioned J. W. Williams and John Dye who are in the grocery business; John Dye also runs a livery stable; J. W. Williams and Leonard Rutledge have pressing clubs, and Floyd J. White and James Rollings have shoe shops. Frank Thompson runs a barber shop for the colored people.

Heath Spring has three churches, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyter- ian, all conveniently located on Main Street, near the heart of the village, with live prayer-meetings, Sunday Schools, Woman's societies, young peoples' societies, etc. and all maintaining regular services. The pastors of the Methodist and Baptist churches are located here, while the pastor of the Presbyterian church lives at Liberty Hill. The people are a church-going people and the moral tone of the community high.

Of secret societies the Ancient Free Masons, Woodmen of the World and Junior Order U. A. M. are well rep-

resented each having a membership of about sixty. Their place of meet- ing is the Masonic Hall. E. B. Mob- ley is local agent for the Masonic Benefit Association.

The one thing in which more than any other, perhaps, all the commu- nity is interested is the local school. Dr. W. S. Moore, J. A. Bridges and H. A. Horton constitute the board of trustees. This school ranks with the best schools of equal grade in the State. Because of the high grade of its work last year, and the fact that it draws upon so large a territory its high school pupils it was given \$600.00 of State funds. It levies for its support the highest tax al- lowable under the law, runs nine months, has in its ten grades about 175 pupils, and is controlled by a capable faculty consisting of Samuel E. Miles and Misses Mary E. Stokes, Alma Murphy, Florence Peak, Ethel Davidson and Jeanette Bigham. The University of South Carolina, Win- throp College, the Memminger Nor- mal School, Due West, Coker College and the Presbyterian College at Clinton are represented in its facul- ty. The prospect is bright for a ses- sion in which the school will be kept up to its well known high standard.

Heath Spring is easily accessible to a large section of excellent agri- cultural country because of the fine roads which lead into it from five different directions. This accessi- bility, together with the good prices paid for cotton and other produce and the bargains offered by our merchants brings a large trade to the place.

Under normal conditions from six to seven thousand bales of cotton are sold on this market. The Springs Banking & Mercantile Co., which op- erates its own water works and elec- tric light plants, is erecting a large brick warehouse, with sprinkler sys- tem, for the storage of its own and other's cotton. This will furnish farmers ample local facilities for storing their surplus cotton.

Besides the facilities offered by our location on the automobile road widely The State, The Columbia from Columbia to Charlotte, we have good railroad facilities, with two trains daily to and two from Colum- bia. These run at convenient hours. There is not getting up long before

day to catch a train in Heath Spring; nor is it necessary to keep late hours in order to reach home on a train, the latest one arriving here at 7:16 p. m.

Heath Spring is located about equi- distance from Columbia and Char- lotte, it being sixty miles from each of these places. It is possible to leave here at nine o'clock in the morn- ing, spend several hours in Columbia and return home at night. We are also able, going north, to spend sever- al hours in Lancaster or Rock Hill, making the return trip by rail the same day.

Ample telegraph and telephone systems, the latter being both local and long distance, bring us into quick communication with the sur- rounding community and the world at large. J. C. Beckham is the Southern Railway agent and tele- graph operator, while Miss Della Crenshaw is "Central" for the tele- phone system.

In addition to good crops of cotton raised by the farmers in the com- munity this year, at much less ex- pense than usual, large crops of corn, oats, peas, potatoes, peanuts, molas- ses, hay, and a considerable crop of wheat, places the community on an independent basis for another year, and emphasizes the fact that the doc- trine of "living at home," so long preached by many of our newspapers and others, is entirely practical and much to be desired. The number of cattle and hogs in the country at this time is also largely in excess of what it was last year.

Mrs. J. C. Bowling has charge of the J. C. Bowling cannery here, and has put up several hundred cans of tomatoes, peaches, beans, blackber- ries, corn, etc., which she is disposing of at good prices.

Heath Spring is a delightful res- idential town and its business advan- tages are unsurpassed. With two mails a day from each direction, with its unsurpassed Post Office and four rural routes, its people keep

touch with world events by reading widely The State, The Columbia Record, The News & Courier, The Lancaster News and various legiti- mous papers, magazines, farm jour- nals, etc., etc. The people are homo- geneous and stand together most

remarkably on all questions that look to the building up of the community commercially, socially, religiously and morally.

With all its advantages, natural and acquired, Heath Spring still lacks many things, some of which will be mentioned here. The cordial rela- tions existing between Heath Spring business men and the farmers and oth- ers living in the surrounding coun- ters should be maintained, increased and strengthened. A fuller under- standing by both of their mutual de- pendence for prosperity would be for the best interests of all concerned. Heath Spring's churches need better Sunday School facilities; the town should have a more commodious and well arranged public hall; and a ten thousand dollar school building is a necessity of the near future. The greatest immediate need is that of an electric lighting system. If a plant were installed a number of our business houses and many residences no doubt would avail themselves of the opportunity to secure that which will furnish the quickest, cleanest, most sanitary and convenient lights to be found. Our progressive town council, consisting of J. A. Williams, Mayor, and W. T. Stover, A. J. Mar- shall, E. F. Hammond and R. P. Mobley, wardens, are already looking into the matter, and considering the possibility of supplying this much needed lack in the near future. With this improvement Heath Spring would still have the advantages of the country, and all the essential con- veniences of the city. A lighting system for a community so progres- sive in every other respect is a cer- tainty in the not distant future.

While Heath Spring is a fine resi- dential town, an excellent social com- munity and progressive business cen- tre, one of the things most to its credit is the interest manifested by its people in education. Besides the widespread interest in the local school, there is still a wider inter- est shown by the fact that every year there are not less than a dozen young men and women from this immediate neighborhood in attendance upon the best colleges in the State, and a similar number of graduates in the schools of this and other States.

KEEP WELL

Every man and woman should keep in touch with this drug store. It is the fountain of health and youthfulness in old age. We can sell you the little rem- edies from time to time that keep sickness away. It is cheaper to prevent than to cure.

BE BEAUTIFUL

Any lady can improve her personal appearance materially by using our high grade toilet preparations, compounded by the most expert chemists in the world. Softens the skin, removes blemishes, restores that youthful appearance and emphasizes the feminine charms that are so attractive to all people.

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Either singly or in sets, made of high grade material beautifully mounted, and an ornament to any dresser. Sold at close prices and very attractive for Christmas.

PEOPLES DRUG STORE

Heath Spring, S. C.

This Fits You

Most people are good to their stomachs when they are able to get Groceries that "Make Good."

Most people would like to be better to their stom- aches if it were possible to improve the quality of their Groceries without paying exorbitant prices.

Most people often wonder if there is a store that could please them more than the one at which they are trading.

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But many of them never find that store simply be- cause they never get to the point of actually looking for it.

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Peoples Grocery STORE

Heath Spring, S. C.